



Eddie A. Perez, Mayor

## **STUDENT SAFETY AND HIGHER LEARNING TOPICS OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** 260 Constitution Plaza

As Chairman of the Board of Education, Mayor Perez will lead the discussion to form two task forces. One would review discipline policies and security procedures in Hartford Public Schools and the other would focus and accelerate the implementation of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Higher Education. The BOE will then take a vote at Tuesday night's meeting.

Mayor Perez says, "Our schools should be a safe haven for our children. If this task force is approved, I will ask this group to recommend improvements and see how we can take a citywide approach to programs that are currently tailored to individual schools, like the school uniform policy."

As for the issue of higher education, Mayor Perez says, "We have made tremendous progress in this area, but there is still a long way to go. My hope is to create a higher sense of urgency about the importance and need for a college degree in our global economy."

The December 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. For more information on the agenda, please contact Judith Fagan, Support Administrator for the Hartford Board of Education at (860) 695-8410. For more information on the Mayor's role, please contact Sarah Barr, Director of Communications at (860) 522-4888 x6217.